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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: ) CONFIRMATION NO.: 4274  
Yasushi HAYASHIDA, et al. )  
U.S. Serial No.: 10/551,225 ) Group Art Unit: 3651  
Filed: September 28, 2005 ) Examiner: Ramya G. Prakasam

For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF CONTROL THEREFOR,  
CONTROL PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2008 is due by May 4, 2008. The Action required restriction between two patentably distinct inventions.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Species B, drawn to Figures 9A-13B, for examination in this application. Please note however that claims 1-28 were canceled during the international phase by an Amendment per Article 34. Only claims 29-32 are pending now, and all of claims 29-32 are readable on elected Species B.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for any non-elected claims, should there be any, in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits.  
Early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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